# Amelia County Public Schools

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June 12, 2023

To the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the VCU x CodeRVA Lab School proposal. As the Amelia County Public School Board Member for CodeRVA and the Superintendent of Amelia County Public Schools, we are proud to be part of a school that offers a unique and innovative choice to students in our division. CodeRVA builds real-world connections between student learning and careers in high-demand computer science fields. They deliver a highly-engaging and relevant education to a student body that represents the diverse demographics of Central Virginia. It builds bridges across populations, provides underserved and marginalized students equal access to rigorous college and career preparation, and expands our region's talent pool in the critical field of computer science.

In an effort to ensure that our students have a variety of options for accessing post-secondary employment in the tech sector, we elected to join the consortium of school divisions supporting CodeRVA Regional High School. CodeRVA has served as a leader in Virginia for innovation and the redesign of educational pathways, and now they seek to innovate again by serving as a training site for teacher residents and affording professional learning opportunities for educators across the state. We support Virginia Commonwealth University's work to build the capacity of K-12 teachers through its Richmond Teacher Residency (RTR) program, and we support this proposal to expand the successful practices of both RTR and CodeRVA, which will offer additional professional resources for teachers and educational opportunities for students in the central Virginia area.

We look forward to actively collaborating with VCU to develop a lab school that will be a model for schools and school divisions in both the Commonwealth of Virginia and across the nation.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Vega, Board Chair

Dr. Lori Harper. Division Superintendent

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June 5, 2023

To the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the VCU x CodeRVA Lab School proposal. As the Sussex County Public Schools Board Member for CodeRVA and the Superintendent of Sussex County Public Schools, we are proud to be part of a school that offers a unique and innovative choice to students in our division. CodeRVA builds real-world connections between student learning and careers in high-demand computer science fields. They deliver a highly-engaging and relevant education to a student body representing Central Virginia's diverse demographics. It builds bridges across populations, provides underserved and marginalized students equal access to rigorous college and career preparation, and expands our region's talent pool in the critical field of computer science.

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We look forward to actively collaborating with VCU to develop a lab school that will be a model for schools and school divisions in the Commonwealth of Virginia and nationwide.

Educationally yours,

Dr. A. Jarrett Jr., Superintendent Sussex County Public Schools

Code RVA Board Member

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Michael B. Gill, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools

June 5, 2023

To the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the VCU x CodeRVA Lab School proposal. As the Hanover County School Board Member for CodeRVA and the Superintendent of Hanover County Public Schools, we are proud to be part of a school that offers a unique and innovative choice to students in our division. CodeRVA builds real-world connections between student learning and careers in high-demand computer science fields. They deliver a highly-engaging and relevant education to a student body that represents the diverse demographics of Central Virginia. It builds bridges across populations, provides underserved and marginalized students equal access to rigorous college and career preparation, and expands our region's talent pool in the critical field of computer science.

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Sincerely,

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June 5, 2023

To the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee:

Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) is pleased to support the VCU x CodeRVA Lab School Proposal. As the Henrico County Public Schools Board Member for CodeRVA and the Superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools, we are proud to be a part of CodeRVA, an innovative, regional school that provides students with rigorous learning opportunities aligned closely with high-demand careers in computer science and technology fields. CodeRVA provides Henrico students and their peers throughout the region a unique opportunity to prepare for a variety of meaningful careers in computer science fields. Similarly, HCPS has greatly benefited from our partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University's Richmond Teacher Residency program (RTR) and the strong school leaders it has grown and supported in Henrico and throughout the region.

In continuing with that tradition of innovation in service of student opportunities and outcomes, HCPS supports the College Lab School proposal to expand the successful practices of both RTR's work to build the capacity of K-12 teachers and CodeRVA's model in delivering highly engaging and relevant education to students. We look forward to collaborating with both entities as they lead the Commonwealth and the nation in redesigning both educational pathways and teacher training.

Sincerely,

Amy E. Cashwell, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Henrico County Public Schools

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School Board Member Tuckahoe District

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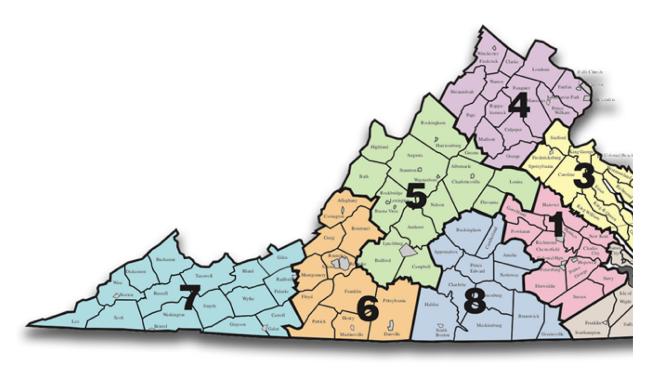
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#### In which region do you live?

Note: This question asks for the Superintendent's Region in which you reside. To determine this information, please visit this link before beginning the form: https://www.doe.virginia.gov/about-vdoe/virginia-schooldirectories/virginia-public-school-listing-by-region \*



Region 1

Your public comment, which will be reviewed by the Standing Committee: \*

I write in enthusiastic support of the VCU and CodeRVA College Partnership Laboratory School Application. This is a win-win for the Commonwealth, and it will achieve several key goals of the Governor to bring online and sustain cutting-edge lab schools. What makes this application unique is that this program will equip and train teacher residents to serve as CodeRVA teachers. There is a deficiency of teachers who are positioned nationally to teach computer science and this program would fill that void for Virginians. VCU's RTR program is already serving 16 school districts and CodeRVA Lab School will serve roughly the same number of districts. The teacher residency model has a proven track record of tapping the most gifted to train to serve the highest-need students. In this case, the highest need profession. The students of Virginia will be prepared for an ever-changing technical market, while resident teachers are prepared to "teach for change" so their students can advance the industry and educational goals of the Commonwealth.

5 Which best describes your role in providing public comment? \* Citizen 6 Name of organization Laurel Presbyterian Church, Henrico County